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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a. ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 2 sheets, as follows:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
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Box No. 1

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-13 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-10 _____ received by this Authority on 04-08-2004 with fax
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/2-2/2 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US-B-6 357 9391 (BARON JOHN M) 19 March 2002
(2002-03-19)

Document D1, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, describes (the reference signs between parentheses apply to this document):

a printing device (101) for printing an image on a large surface (201), comprising

- dye transfer means (102) for transferring dye onto said large surface (201),
- at least one gripping means (figure 1, 101) enabling an operator to control the device in order to copy the image onto the large surface (201),
- detecting means (column 5, lines 32-34) for detecting the device in the plane of the large surface (201),
- guide means (column 5, lines 56-60) for guiding the device in the plane of the large surface (201);

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wherein the guide means and the detecting means (108) co-operate with the dye transfer means (102) to synchronise the transfer of dye with the position and location of the device (101) in said large surface (201).

It follows that the subject matter of claim 1 differs from this known printing device in that

- it comprises projection means for projecting a system of co-ordinates, and
- said projection means co-operate with the dye transfer means to synchronise the transfer of dye with the position and location of the device in said large surface.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can thus be considered to be that of providing a printing device enabling a large image to be transferred onto an equally large surface with limited means required to carry out the transfer.

The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)), for the following reasons:

Document D1 discloses a printing device with a gripping means enabling an operator to control the device in order to copy an image onto a large surface. The position of the device on the surface to be printed can be determined

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by means of reference marks on the surface (column 3, line 22). It may be difficult to form said reference marks on a large surface.

Said document D1 does not mention a means for projecting a system of co-ordinates, as defined in claim 1. Said means (cf. claim 1) makes it simpler to carry out absolute position finding on a large surface.

None of the other documents cited in the search report mentions projection means either. Consequently, the devices described in said documents cannot easily be used to print a large image on a large surface such as the wall of a building.

Claims 2 to 10 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also comply, as such, with the requirements of novelty and inventive step of the PCT.